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Marine Fisheries Advisory

**MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL DOGFISH FISHERY TO
CLOSE ON OCTOBER 26, 2003.**

In cooperation with NOAA Fisheries, *Marine Fisheries* has determined that the 2003 spiny dogfish commercial quota will be harvested by October 25, 2003. Therefore, the fishery will **close for the remainder of the season (through April 30, 2004) effective 0001 hours on Sunday, October 26, 2003.**

Commercial fishermen are reminded that they may not fish for, retain, possess or land dogfish in waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth until further notice. Dealers are advised that they may not purchase spiny dogfish from state permitted spiny dogfish vessels for the duration of the fishing year.

Please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries for further information.